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In re Application of: STERN et al. )  
Serial No.: not yet assigned ) Examiner: not yet assigned  
Filing Date: herewith ) Group Art Unit: not yet assigned  
For: SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND ) Docket No.: YOR920010483US1  
APPARATUS FOR MONITORING A )  
CONTAINER ASSOCIATED WITH AN )  
ITEM )

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 USC 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled: **SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING A CONTAINER ASSOCIATED WITH AN ITEM**

and invented by: **STERN et al.**

Enclosed are:

- 1. ☒ Filing Fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
- 2. ☒ Specification having 35 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☐ Cross references to Relate Applications (*if applicable*)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)

- e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)
- a. ☒ Formal          Number of Sheets 16
  - b. ☐ Informal          Number of Sheets
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☒ Newly executed (*original or copy*)          ☐ Unexecuted
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
  - c. ☒ With Power of Attorney          ☐ Without Power of Attorney
  - d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the Prior Application, see 37. CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☒ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents(s)*)
7. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
8. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449          ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ Acknowledgement Postcard
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- ☐ First Class          ☒ Express Mail (*Specify Label No.*) **EF283984742US**
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
14. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (*attach PTO/SB/35*)
15. ☒ Additional Enclosures: Appointment of Associate Power of Attorney

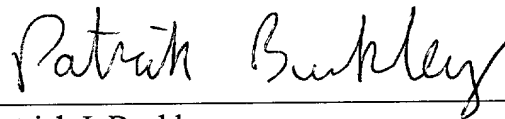
**FEE CALCULATION**

For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	51	- 20	31	\$ 18.00	\$ 558.00
Indep. Claims	12	- 3	9	\$ 84.00	\$ 756.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (If applicable, please add \$ 260.00)					\$ 0.00
<b>BASIC FEE</b>					\$ 740.00
<b>OTHER FEE</b> (specify purpose): Assignment Recordation					\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>					<b>\$2,094.00</b>

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- ☒ Charge the amount of **\$2,094.00** as filing fee.  
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Respectfully submitted,



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